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By ECF

The Honorable Philip M. Halpern
United States District Judge
Southern District of New York
300 Quarropas Street
White Plains, New York 10601

Re: *Students for Fair Admissions v. United States Military Academy at West Point, et al.*,
No. 23 CIV 8262 (PMH)

Dear Judge Halpern:

I write respectfully pursuant to Local Rule 1.4 for the Court's leave to withdraw as counsel for the Defendants in the above-referenced matter. The reason for this request is that I am leaving the United States Department of Justice. The Government will continue to be represented by counsel for the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York who have appeared in this matter. My withdrawal as an attorney of record will not affect any deadline or cause any delay in this matter. Accordingly, I respectfully request that the Court grant my request to withdraw as counsel of record.

I thank the Court for considering this matter.

Respectfully,

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